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Reminder of SEPTA's Mission

The Stafford Special Education Parent Teacher Association recognizes that every child deserves excellence in education and a quality life. SEPTA exists to promote the welfare of students who are differently abled, in home, school, and community; to raise the standards of school and home life and to secure adequate laws for the care and equal education of all students with disabilities.

Save the Dates

December 9 and 15: Santa Visits the dRC. The Disability Resource Center in Fredericksburg will host "sensory sensitive" Santa visits December 9 from 1-5 and December 15 from 4-7. For more information visit www.cildrc.org.

February 20: Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and Extended School Year Presentation

SEPTA is hosting another presentation by Mr. Scott Campbell. Scott will be presenting information on "The Top Ten Things You Should Know About the IEP Process" and "Extended School Year Services (ESY). ESY refers to special education and/or related services provided beyond the normal school year of a public agency for the purpose of providing FAPE to a student with a disability, in accordance with the child's IEP. Scott will provide valuable guidance to include the legal basis for ESY services and will answer your questions as they relate to obtaining ESY services. Mr. Campbell's presentation is open to the public, as is our general membership meeting. Our general meeting will be held at Stafford Hospital Center in rooms 5&6 from 6:00-6:45. Scott's presentation will begin at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

Want More Information on FAPT?

SEPTA canceled its November Speaker presentation concerning the Family Assessment Planning Team (FAPT) due to low participation in recent seminars, however, here is some valuable information on FAPT. Your child and family may be eligible for assistance through the Virginia Comprehensive Services Act Program for At-Risk Youth and Families if your child meets the following guidelines:

- Is under the age of 18, or in some cases, under 22*; and,
- At risk of having serious emotional or behavioral difficulties; and,
- In need of services from multiple county agencies

The Family Assessment and Planning Team (FAPT) is a team formed to help you and your family solve problems, explore services and financial resources, and make a plan for the changing needs of your child and family. Together you and the Team will develop a Individual and Family Service Plan (IFSP). The IFSP is a written plan that includes information about the strengths and needs of your child and family. The plan will also include presenting situation, goals and objectives both long term and short term, strategies and services, and who will be responsible for the implementation of the services. Check your email from SEPTA for more important information regarding FAPT.

Check out www.StaffordSepta.com for the most up to date information.



SEPTA Board Meetings

All meetings to be held at Stafford Hospital Center, Room 4 from 7:30-9 p.m.

	Dates	Time
Upcoming Meetings	March 12	7:30 - 9:00
	April 16	7:30 - 9:00
Dec. 4	May 14	7:30 - 9:00
Jan. 15	June 11	7:30 - 9:00
Feb. 12	July 16	7:30 - 9:00

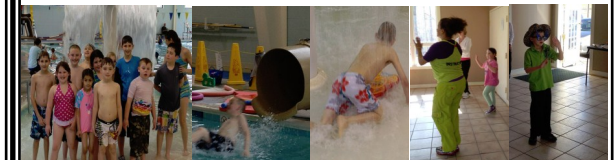
PLEASE VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.STAFFORDSEPTA.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS, MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP – SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN SEPTA.

Executive Board:



President: Jennifer Lockwood
President-Elect: Vacant
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Secretary: Marilyn Manuto

Past Activities!



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